1 MICHAEL W. DOTTS, ESQ. O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes 2 Second Floor, Nauru Building P.O. Box 501969 3 **Saipan, MP 96950** Telephone No. (670) 234-5684 4 Facsimile No. (670) 234-5683 5 **Attorneys for Plaintiff Lisa Black** 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS 8 9 LISA BLACK, CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-0038 10 Plaintiff, 11 VS. 12 PLAINTIFF'S ADDITIONAL JIM BREWER, individually and in his PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS 13 official capacity as Acting Principal for **RE: PREEXISTING CONDITIONS** 14 Hopwood Junior High School, **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN**) 15 MARIANA ISLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, and JOHN AND/OR JANE DOE, ) 16 Defendants. 17 18 19 COMES NOW the Plaintiff, and in the light of the testimony regarding Plaintiff's 20 preexisting mental and physical conditions, proposes the addition of the two attached 21 instructions. 22 23 24 Plaintiffs authority for these instructions is the Restatement (Third) of Torts. The 25 Restatement (Third) has not been fully adopted. However § 31 as issued on April 6, 2005, has 26 been finally approved by both the Institute's Council and its membership. The following is the 27 28

Case 1:05-cv-00038 Document 143 Filed 02/22/2007 Page 2 of 2 1 text of § 31 that has been approved: 2 When an actor's tortuous conduct causes physical harm to a person that, because of preexisting physical or mental condition or other 3 characteristics of the person, is of a greater magnitude or different type than might reasonably be expected, the actor is nevertheless 4 subject to liability of all such harm to the person. 5 6 Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liab. Physical Harm § 31 (P.D.F. No. 1, 2005). 7 8 The two attached instructions are drawn word for word from the California Civil Jury 9 Instructions (BAJI), Fall 2006 Edition. Plaintiff has left the source authority listed on the 10 instructions and will provide these additional instructions without the source authority in a 11 digital format. The California instructions seem to the Plaintiff to concur with the Restatement 12 (Third) of Torts. 13 14 Dated: February 22, 2007 15 Respectfully submitted: 16 O'CONNOR BERMAN DOTTS & BANES Attorneys for Plaintiff Lisa S. Black 17 18 19 By: 20 MICHAEL W. DOTTS 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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